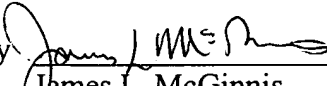


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No fee is believed due with this response. If a fee is required, the examiner is authorized to charge Merck Deposit Account No. 13-2755.

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